CSULB has been ranked ninth best public regional university in the west by U.S. News & World Report: America’s Best Colleges 2018.

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance magazine recognized CSULB as a “Best College Value” for providing excellent academics while keeping costs to a minimum.

CSULB has been named one of the nation’s top “Best in the West” public universities by The Princeton Review’s “2018 Best Colleges: Region by Region” for its commitment to high-quality education at an affordable cost. CSULB also ranks among the top universities in Princeton Review’s 2018 “Colleges That Pay You Back.”

Washington Monthly named CSULB a “Best-Bang-for-the-Buck” college based on the economic value students receive per dollar for the fifth consecutive year.

Forbes magazine recognizes CSULB in the top 15 “America’s Best Value Colleges” for 2017 based on tuition costs, school quality and post-graduate success.

CSULB ranks among the top universities in the west according to U.S. News & World Report for a freshman retention rate of 89%.

U.S. News & World Report ranked CSULB in the top ten colleges in the nation for receiving the most freshmen applications out of 1,200 schools evaluated.

CSULB was one of two universities recognized by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for student success and college completion. CSULB was also among eight universities to receive the association’s Excellence and Innovation Award.

CSULB received a $4.45 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to fund five years of its Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program, as well as a $22.7 million grant for Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD), a research training program for underrepresented undergraduate students.

CSULB ranks third nationally in awarding bachelor’s degrees to minority students in Diverse Issues in Higher Education’s annual list of “Top 100 Degree Producers” and 10th in campus ethnic diversity among undergraduate institutions in the west by U.S. News & World Report.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded CSULB a five-year, $4.4 million grant to promote Latino student success in STEM disciplines. CSULB has also received a five-year, $2.8 million grant to support the Hispanic Opportunities for Graduate Access and Retention program.

CSULB’s Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) Center provides instructional materials for faculty and staff in an accessible format to assist students with disabilities.

A CSULB College of Liberal Arts alum received the Rhodes Scholarship, the world’s most prestigious student international scholarship program.

CSULB ranks fifth in the nation in the CollegeNET 2017 Upward Social Mobility Index which measures how universities educate economically disadvantaged students at lower tuition.

GLOBAL IMPACT

As part of our commitment to sustainability, CSULB will have the largest solar power system out of all 23 CSU campuses by Fall 2017. CSULB is committed to reaching a goal of climate neutrality by 2030.

CSULB received the Overall Sustainable Design award for its Liberal Arts Buildings 2, 3, and 4 Renovation Project during the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference.

The Division of Student Affairs oversees many of the campus’ student support programs and services, including the passport processing service, which only a few California universities offer.

CSULB was one of nine universities in the U.S. and Latin America awarded an innovation grant for study abroad and exchange programs under the “100,000 Strong in the Americas” initiative.
COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

CSULB’s School of Art is the nation’s largest, publicly funded art department and first in the western U.S. to receive accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. Also, COTA is one of the first to offer a museum studies program on the west coast, and the first in the CSU system to offer an M.F.A. in Dance.

The College of Business Administration is one of only 5% of schools worldwide accredited by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Business International and was named an Outstanding Business School in The Princeton Review’s 2018 “Best Business Schools” guidebook.

The College of Education is nationally recognized for its K–18 collaboration with the Long Beach Seamless Education Partnership and offers an Integrated Teacher Education Program (ITEP) that allows students to earn both an undergraduate degree and a multiple subject teaching credential in four years.

The CSULB undergraduate engineering program was ranked among the best in the nation in an edition of U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges Guide.”

CSULB’s School of Nursing has state-of-the-art technology, partnerships with local hospitals and an average 95% pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam. The School of Nursing joined forces with Long Beach Memorial Medical Center/Miller Children’s Hospital to form a $15 million nursing partnership, one of the largest nursing grants in the nation.

The College of Liberal Arts, the largest college on campus, offers 96 majors and minors, 27 departments and programs, innovative centers and over 700 dedicated faculty.

CSULB’s Hall of Science, a $105 million state-of-the-art facility, promotes undergraduate research and education. The College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics ranked first in the country for producing physics master’s graduates by the American Institute of Physics and recognized for its preeminent marine biology program.

The College of Continuing & Professional Education serves California’s workforce and economy by offering a diverse range of degrees, professional development certificates, and international education programs in many disciplines.

ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

For six of the last seven years, LBSU has won the Big West Commissioner’s Cup which recognizes CSULB as having the most successful athletic department in the Big West Conference.

CSULB’s Division I athletic teams surpassed the NCAA’s Academic Progress Rate (APR) minimum score, which indicates a university’s success at retaining and graduating student-athletes. LBSU is one of the only universities in the CSU system to exceed the minimum score in all sports for the last twelve years.

Women’s Soccer has made six NCAA appearances since 1998, and Women’s Softball has made 23 NCAA Tournament appearances—reaching the Women’s College World Series five times.

Former Long Beach State men’s volleyball star David Lee and coaches Tyler Hildebrand and LaTanya Sheffield represented Team USA at the Rio Olympics in 2016. CSULB has had at least one representative in every Summer Olympic Games since 1949.

CSULB’s Student Recreation & Wellness Center is a state-of-the-art facility that contains a three-court gym, indoor track, rock climbing wall, swimming pool, fitness rooms and other resources.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

CSULB has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, which is the highest federal honor a university can receive for being committed to community service, civic engagement and service learning.

The Long Beach College Promise—an educational partnership between the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College, CSULB and the City of Long Beach—guarantees admission for CSULB-eligible students from these schools who complete college preparatory and transfer requirements.